

# Lord Nityananda Appearance Day

Saturday February 7th



Vegetarian Feast and Festival - Every Sunday 5 pm  
ISKCON NY At Long island Temple -  
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### New Time For Sunday Feast

The Sunday Feast now starts promptly at 5 pm. Children have school and parents have work the next day, so this allows devotees to get home at a more reasonable time. We have had great participation at our feasts recently, with impromptu kirtanas and informative question and answers sessions during our lectures. We offer a nice family atmosphere at our programs and we welcome all to come and join us.



#### Vaishnava Calendar

Thursday February 5

Bhaimi Ekadasi

Friday February 6

Lord Varaha - Appearance

Saturday February 7

Lord Nityananda - Appearance

Friday February 13

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati - Appearance

Friday February 20

Vijaya Ekadasi

Wednesday March 10

Gaura-purnima

## Lord Nityananda

February 7<sup>th</sup> marks the anniversary of the appearance day of Lord Nityananda, one of the deities at the Nimai Nitai Mandir. When Lord Krishna personally appears, He brings with Him His plenary expansion, Baladeva. Lord Nityananda is the expansion of Baladeva that appeared as the companion of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu. He is very dear to Lord Caitanya and was an integral part in spreading the original Hare Krishna movement in India some 500 years ago. It is by Lord Nityananda's grace that we can begin to understand the love between Lord Krishna and Srimati Radharani. Below is an excerpt from a lecture given by Srila Prabhupada which briefly describes the importance of Lord Nityananda.



Krsna Caitanya, Sri Krsna Caitanya, He has got manyfold expansion. The first expansion is prakāsa, svayam-prakāsa, Balarāma. And Nityānanda is Balarāma. Vrajendra-nandana yei, Saci-sūta hoilo sei, balarāma hoilo nitāi. We have to understand from the mahājana, Narottama das Thākura. Sometimes some foolish people interpret Nityānanda as expansion of Rādhārāni, but that is not the fact. Nityānanda is Balarāma. We have to know from mahājana. We cannot manufacture our own idea. That is blasphemy, sahajiyā. Yata mat tata pat. These things are not accepted by mahājana. Mahājana means who follows the previous mahājana. This is the system. Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu strictly followed this principle. Krsna also recommended evam paramparā-prāptam [Bg. 4.2]. We have to receive knowledge through the disciplic succession. Mahājana-gatah. You cannot manufacture. This concoction has killed the spiritual life of India. "You can think any way; I can think in my way"—that is not at all scientific. You cannot think "Two plus two equal to three" or "five." Two plus two equal to four. You cannot think otherwise.

So Nityānanda means prakāsa, svayam-prakāsa, Balarāma. Balarāma is, I mean to say, presenting Krsna. Therefore Balarāma is guru-tattva. Guru is representative of Balarāma, of Nityānanda, Guru Nityānanda, because He is exhibiting Krsna. He is presenting Krsna, prakāsa. Just like when there is sunshine you can see everything very correctly. That is called prakāsa. In the darkness everything is covered. At night we cannot see, but during daytime, when there is prakāsa, illumination, then we can see everything. So Nityānanda Prabhu is Balarāma. Balarāma is prakāsa-tattva. He's manifesting Krsna. Balarāma hoila nitāi. So vande Sri... Sri Krsna Caitanya is the Supreme Absolute Personality of Godhead, and next, Nityānanda, or, yes, Nityānanda, is exhibiting Him. When Nityānanda was preaching in Bengal, He first of all delivered the Jagāi and Mādhāi. That was his first business. He showed how to serve Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Sri Krsna Caitanya means

Krsna Himself. Sri-krsna-caitanya rādhā-krsna nahe anya. Rādhā-Krsna combined together is Sri Krsna Caitanya. And Nityānanda is exhibiting Krsna Caitanyadeva.

So how one can exhibit Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahāprabhu, that is... By His personal example Nityānanda Prabhu has given us lesson. When Caitanya Mahāprabhu was sending His devotees to preach and Nityānanda Prabhu was doing that, He used to go with Haridāsa Thākura to preach on the street, home to home. So when they saw there was a big crowd on the street, so Nityānanda Prabhu inquired from the people, "Why there is so many people assembled?" He was informed that "There are two gundas, rogues. They are creating some trouble." The gundas, their business is to create trouble, that's all. Every one of us we know, especially at the present moment in Bengal. Yes. This is due to lack of preaching of Krsna consciousness. Nityānanda Prabhu is not given the chance. Nityānanda Prabhu is very eager to preach, but He's not given chance. Actually, those who are proud of becoming descendants of Nityānanda Prabhu... In Bengal there is a family, they say that they are descendants from Nityānanda Prabhu. So apart from controversy, even accepting that they are descendants from Nityānanda Prabhu, their business is also to act like Nityānanda Prabhu. So that business, what is that business? That is described by Narottama dāsa Thākura, mahājana, pāpi tāpi yata chilo, hari-nāme uddhārilo, ta'ra sāksi jagāi-mādhāi. This is the business of Nityānanda Prabhu along with Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Vrajendra-nandana yei, Saci-sūta hoilo sei, balarāma hoilo nitāi.

So here Krsna Caitanya and Nityānanda, Their identification is Lord Krsna and Balarāma. Now, in the Krsna incarnation, these two brothers were engaged as cowherd boys and friends of the gopis, sons of mother Yasodā and Nanda Mahārāja. That is actual life in Vrndāvana. Krsna and Balarāma, They are village cowherds boy. That is the early age history of Krsna-Balarāma. And Their another business, when They went to

Mathurā They killed Kamsa and the wrestlers, and then again, when They went to Dvārakā, They had to fight with so many demons. But Their childhood life, up to sixteenth year, They were in Vrndāvana, happy life, simply love. That is paritrānāya sād-hūnām [Bg. 4.8]. Sādhus, devotees, they are always anxious to see Krsna, Balarāma and Their associates. They are always very much aggrieved on account of separation. To give them rejuvenation of life, Krsna-Balarāma play Their childhood days in Vrndāvana. And out of Vrndāvana, beginning from Mathurā up to Dvārakā and other places, the business was vināsāya ca duskrtām: killing. So They have got two businesses, one for pacifying the devotees, and the other is to kill the demons. Of course, Krsna and Balarāma, They are Absolute Truth. There is no difference between killing and loving. They... Absolute. Those who were killed, you know, they were also delivered from this material bondage.

Now these same two brothers have again descended as Sri Krsna Caitanya-Nityānanda. Sahoditau: simultaneously They have appeared. Not that one is appeared, another is not there. No. Both of Them, sahoditau. And They are compared with the sun and moon. The business of sun and moon is to dissipate darkness. The sun rises during daytime, and the moon rises at night. But this sun and moon, wonderful sun and moon, citrau, They have appeared together. But the business is the same, tamonudau. Business is to dissipate darkness, because we are in darkness. We, anyone who is in this material world, he's in darkness. Darkness means ignorant, no knowledge. They are mostly animals. "Why they are animals, so civilized men, so well-dressed and university education degrees? Why they are in darkness?" Yes, they are in darkness. "What is the proof?" The proof is that they are not Krsna conscious. This is the proof. That is their darkness. Ask anybody, item by item, that... Ask, what do they know about Krsna. Everyone is ignorant, dark. So that is the proof. How this is proof? Now, Krsna says. We do not say; Krsna says. How does He say? Na mām duskrtino müöhāh prapadyante narādhāmāh, māyayāpaharta-jnānā. Apaharta-jnānā means that although they have got university degrees,

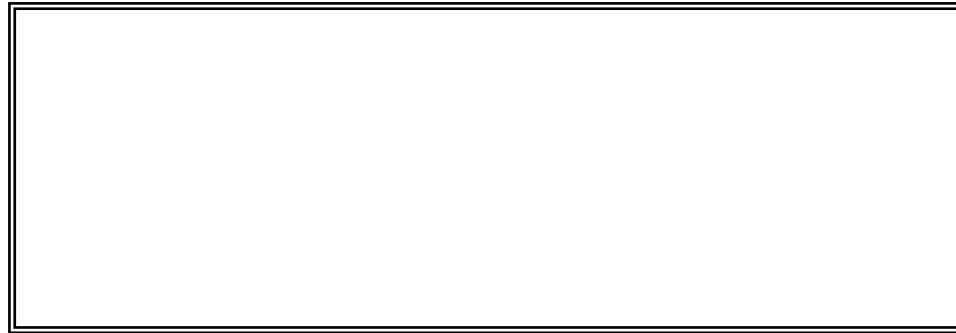
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although they are called civilized, advanced in material civilization, but māyāpahrta-jñānā. Their degrees, because they do not know Kṛṣṇa thoroughly and therefore do not surrender to Kṛṣṇa, which Kṛṣṇa is canvassing personally, sarva-dharmān parityajya mām ekam saranam vraja.... He's personally canvassing. Because these rascals and fools, they are in darkness—they do not know what is the goal of life—Kṛṣṇa is so kind that He is canvassing, sarva-dharmān parityajya mām ekam saranam vraja. This is the philosophy. So still, they are not doing so. Why? Narādhama. Because the lowest of the mankind, narādhama. How they have become narādhama? Now, duskṛtina, always committing sinful life. What is sinful life? Illicit sex, meat-eating, intoxication, and gambling. Because they are addicted to these things they are duskṛtina and narādhama, lowest of the mankind. And whatever knowledge they are acquiring by so-called education, that is false knowledge. Māyāpahrta-jñānā. This is the position.

So Sri Kṛṣṇa Caitanya and Nityānanda, They came, descended again, being merciful, same Kṛṣṇa. Vrajendra-nandana yei, Saci-sūta hoilo sei. Same Kṛṣṇa. In a different way they canvassed the same principle. (aside:) You can sit down there. You are sleeping. Don't sleep. Don't show that sleeping. Go there. So this is the darkness. And Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu appeared to drive away this darkness—same Kṛṣṇa, the same Kṛṣṇa. There is no difference between Kṛṣṇa's preaching and Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu's preaching. There is no difference. The difference is that Kṛṣṇa, as the Su-

preme Personality of Godhead, He is demanding that "You rascal, you surrender unto Me. You are suffering so much. You are rascal. I am your father. I want to see you happy; therefore I have come. Surrender unto Me. I shall give you all protection." Aham tvām sarva-pāpēbhyo. "You are suffering on account of your duskṛti, all sinful activities. Whatever you are doing, all sinful activities." Except Kṛṣṇa consciousness activities, whatever you do, that is sinful activity. But they have been summarized into four principles. The whole sinful activities of the world, they have been summarized in four lines: no illicit sex, no meat-eating, no gambling, no intoxication. This is the summary. But otherwise, of these activities there are many, many branches. But if you cut the root of sinful activities—this illicit sex and gambling and meat-eating—then generally, automatically other sinful activities will go. Therefore we who are propagating Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement, we are just requesting that you give up this sinful life. Otherwise you will be implicated again.

What is that implication? Implication is that your sinful life will get you next body which is also sinful. And again you suffer. Suffering there is. As soon as you get material body, there is suffering. It may be a king's body or it may be a cobbler's body, it doesn't matter, the suffering is there. But because these people are māyāpahrta-jñānā, they are accepting suffering as pleasure. This is called māyā. He's suffering, but he is thinking it is a good pleasure. Just like the pig. He's eating stool, and he's thinking he's enjoying life. This is called ignorant. He does not know that he's suffering. Māyā has given his body to suffer, but even in

the pig's body, he's thinking that is enjoying life. This is called māyā. Mohitam nābhijānāti mām ebhyaḥ param avyayam [Bg. 7.13]. This is called illusion. Illusion. Everyone in this material world, they are suffering in different grades. Just like in the prison house there are different grades of prisoner: first class, second class, third class. But if the first-class prisoner thinks they are enjoying life, that is ignorance. He should know that he's in the prison house. In the prison house where is there enjoyment? It is all suffering. Maybe first-class suffering, but it is suffering. So they are all in the darkness, and Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Nityānanda Prabhu appeared to dissipate, tamo-nudau, to dissipate this darkness of the whole human society. That is Their kindness. They are...

So Nityānanda Prabhu, being prakāśā, He is manifesting Caitanya Mahāprabhu. He's canvassing the same thing. Caitanya Mahāprabhu is canvassing to accept Kṛṣṇa consciousness, and to accept Kṛṣṇa consciousness through the mercy of Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Nityānanda Prabhu and Their other assistants is easier, easier. Therefore we see practically, we have taught our disciples to chant first of all the Panca-tattva, Sri-kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu-nityānanda, Sri-advaita gadādhara srivāsādi-gaura-bhakta-vrnda...

Lecture on Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Adilīla 1.2, 750326CC.MAY

